

Application No.: 10/015,765

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Response dated April 5, 2004

Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 3, 2004

REMARKS

In conformance with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant resubmits the Amendments to the Claims section that was previously filed in the Response for this application filed on February 17, 2004. Applicant has amended the "Amendments to the Claims" section to add text to provide the status of claims 1-32. Specifically, claim 1 was cancelled in a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on May 9, 2002, and claims 2-32 were cancelled in a Preliminary Amendment filed on March 26, 2002. Thus, claims 33-71 are pending in the application with claim 67 being allowed. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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